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Man, 78, dies in rollover

CRASH A 78-year-old Ottawa man is dead after a single-vehicle crash on Highway 416 late Monday.

At about 9:45 p.m., a 2005 gold Ford Taurus was exiting Highway 416 at the Hunt Club Road exit when the driver lost control and slid into the ditch of the off-ramp, police said. The car rolled onto its roof, partially ejecting the driver. He was taken to hospital and later died from his injuries.

The vehicle's 87-year-old passenger was taken to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver's name is not being released pending notification of kin. Anyone who might have seen the collision is asked to call OPP at 613-270-9171.

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America rid of Paris Hilton?

Torture inquiry **Canada's role**



Ahmad El Maati, right, speaks during a news conference with Abdullah Almaliki, left, and Muayyed Nureddin in Ottawa yesterday. Canadian security services probably contributed indirectly to the torture in Syria of the three Arab Canadians who had been suspected of involvement in terrorist activities, an official inquiry found yesterday. **Story, page 5.**

Police lay charges in drug seizure

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GATINEAU Two Gatineau men face a slew of drug-related charges after Gatineau police officers seized a quantity of drugs with a street value of \$29,862 during a search of a residence yesterday.

Const. Isabelle Poirier said that after an investigation police officers attended 43 Claire St., where they seized 71.9 grams of cocaine, 6.7 grams of crack, 1,182 ecstasy tablets and 887 grams of marijuana.

Ranez Meiz, 24, and Haythem Meiz, 26, both of Gatineau, appeared in Gatineau court yesterday morning, where they faced charges of possession of drugs, possession for the purposes of trafficking and benefiting from the proceeds of crime and breaking the conditions of their release.

Cash
• Along with a long list of drugs, police seized \$3,500 in cash.

50 per cent of Ottawa's economy is directly impacted by the federal government; Feds have an indirect impact on 25 per cent, according to CRG vice-president Paul Knowlton.

"That whole notion of Ottawa being shielded is a bit of a misnomer," Knowlton said. "As the federal government goes, so does Ottawa ... When the feds have money, Ottawa does well."

Knowlton said now that the Tories have a second minority, the question is will they be decentralizing fed-

eral agencies and services.

If anything would soften the blow for Ottawa, it's that there are a number of government-owned buildings in need of major renovations that cannot be put off for better days.

"They don't meet the proper codes ... This is something that is an absolute must and it's going to pump millions and millions into construction," said Card.

Mayor Larry O'Brien said he will be requesting city staff review the threats and opportunities to Ottawa in relation to its economic ties to federal policy.

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Ottawa



Cops seek help to find robbery suspect

Ottawa police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect in relation to an Oct. 9 bank robbery. At about 7:20 p.m., a man entered the Royal Bank on Bank Street, stated he had a gun, and demanded cash. He fled on foot. The suspect is described as Aboriginal, between 35 and 40 years old, 6-foot, between 230 and 250 pounds with long black hair in a ponytail. He had a goatee and wore glasses. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 613-236-1222 ext. 5447 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477. **OTTAWA POLICE**

Students survive bus rollover

Nine high schoolers injured, none seriously, in early morning accident

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Nine high school students were injured after a school bus rolled into a ditch in Val-des-Monts yesterday morning.

At around 7 a.m., a school bus transporting 25 teenagers to Nicolas Gatineau and Versant high schools in Gatineau went into a ditch after the bus driver lost control on a

mud-slicked St. Antoine Road, said MRC des Collines Const. Martin Fournel.

"The driver lost control on a hill going down," said Fournel.

"There was a curve in the dirt road, and because of the rain we had (yesterday) morning, there was some mud on the road."

Police said the school bus crossed into the oncoming lane and rolled on its side on the left side of the road.

"There were no broken bones or anything like that. ... They were very lucky."

Const. Martin Fournel

Nine students were transported to hospitals in Hull and Gatineau, where they were treated for a variety of minor injuries.

By 11 a.m., they all got

released from the hospital," said Fournel. "There were no broken bones or anything like that. They were scared more than anything."

"They were very lucky."

Although the school bus driver also suffered minor injuries, he stayed on site with the students, Fournel said.

Fournel said many of the students went to a nearby residence, where they called their parents. Many

of the parents showed up to pick up their children.

A second bus later arrived to pick up the remaining six students on site.

"There was no speed involved in the incident," Fournel said. "It was really just the road."

MRC des Collines police are reminding people to slow down and to start thinking about putting their winter tires onto their vehicles.

Time to stop gangs is now, expert says

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MEETING A public forum on youth gangs held in south Ottawa tonight is another step in combating the city's "growing" street gang problem, said a member of the Ottawa Youth Gang Prevention Initiative.

"We do have a problem. It's not out of control, but now is the time to act," said Ottawa Police Staff Sgt. Mike Callaghan.

Staff Sgt. Mike Callaghan, who works in the Guns and Gangs Unit. "Youth gangs are a growing issue here in Ottawa."

Hosted by members of the initiative, "the ultimate goal is to provide a forum in which members of the community can come forward and ask questions about youth and street gangs," said Callaghan.

It's also an opportunity for the panel to educate the public about the current gang situation, he said.

The forum, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre, will also be attended by panel members including Toronto-based gang expert Michael Chettleburgh, Ottawa assistant Crown attorney Walter Devenz and Andrew Bacchus and Jabari Lindsay from the Toronto-based gang exit program, Breaking the Cycle.

While Ottawa's problems are not as big as the ones in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, Ottawa residents can work with community associations, Crime Prevention Ottawa and politicians to help reduce opportunities for youth gangs to conduct their trades, Callaghan said.

pools. Although lifeguards and paramedics worked to revive the girl, she died a short time later at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. A coroner is currently investigating whether she drowned or suffered from an injury or illness.

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Family members have identified the eight-year-old girl who died after a tragic incident at a city-run swimming pool in Kanata as Eline Ilunga. Ilunga died Saturday night after attending a birthday party at the Kanata Leisure Centre, one of three city-run wave



Jessica Moffatt, dressed as Rogers Pumpkin Patrol mascot Penny the Pumpkin, plays with Nhan, a Grade 2 student at Cambridge Public School yesterday.

Pumpkin Patrol aiming to make spooky night safer

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SAFETY City police and community volunteers are partnering to make Ottawa's streets safer for young trick-or-treaters this Halloween.

The Rogers Pumpkin Patrol kicked off its 24th annual program with Grade 2 and 3 students at Cambridge Public School yesterday.

This month, 110 volunteers will be patrolling the streets of Ottawa and making presentations in local schools to ensure that children remain safe.

"On Halloween night, red Rogers vans with a pump-

Widespread

- The Rogers Pumpkin Patrol program runs in every major and mid-sized city in Canada.

kin on top will be slowly driving around neighbourhoods," said Rogers spokeswoman Karen Keskinen.

A male and female volunteer will be driving around in each van with the windows down and the light on, she said.

"How will you stay safe this Halloween?" Ottawa Police school resource officer Constable Kari Colucci asked the children.

"If there's a dog in the house, stay away from the

house," said Cheyanne, a Grade 3 student.

"Don't cross the road until there are no cars coming," said Joshua, also a Grade 3 student.

"Make sure my mom checks the candy," added a boy named Simon.

Colucci said it's important that parents be aware of safety tips as well.

School principal Kim Nelson said the program is beneficial to kids, especially in Centretown, where there is a large immigrant population.

"It's important for children in our neighbourhood because many of them are new to the country and new to our customs," she said.

Light rail campaign frustrates transit chair

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TRANSIT The chair of the city's transit committee is calling a colleague's campaign to run light rail down Carling Avenue "quixotic" after Clive Doucet started running ads on local radio encouraging residents to contact their councillor.

"It really is confusing to the public because council has already determined the configuration for the rapid transit network," said Bay Councillor Alex Cullen. "He's trying to reopen a debate that council's already moved forward on. I think Clive Doucet has been left standing at the station on this one."

However, Doucet called Cullen's arguments "simply nonsense," given the size of the project.

"We agreed to an enormous multi-billion dollar concept, which everybody knows is so extensive there is no possibility of implementing even a tiny fraction of it," said Doucet.

With new provincial regulations that shorten environmental assessments to six months, Doucet said it was possible for construction to begin on a rail line from along Carling from downtown to Kanata as early as June. Under the current plan, he said, it could be a decade before trains start running.

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News in brief

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Ilias Guidoum, 22, Bilel Guidoum, 20 and Abdul Laouisset, 23, all of Ottawa, face charges of robbery, possession of property obtained by crime, possession of a weapon while committing an offence, assault causing bodily harm, forcible confinement and uttering threats. OTTAWA POLICE

Halloween creeps for big kids, too

CityScapes

Tracey Tong



During a recent foray into a costume shop, I expect to be overrun by Halloween-happy kids and teens.

But as I wandered the aisles, I noticed that the majority of shoppers were, in fact, adults — many of whom did not have children in tow.

Don't grown-ups have enough to do between jobs and households without having to worry about costumes?

"It's not just for kids anymore," said Rick Fauteux, operator of Spirit, the Hal-

loween Superstore, which opened on Carling Avenue for the season.

"It's a chance for adults to be kids for a while, to let loose and not be so uptight," he said. "It's great. How often do you get a chance to become someone else for a night?"

Karen Sage loves Halloween so much, she's planning three costumes this year.

"I'm thinking a sailor for the bar, something for a party and a scary costume to scare trick-or-treaters," said the Carleton University graduate. "I'm kind of crazy for Halloween."

Fortunately for Sage, choices abound, where even 15 years ago, adult-sized costumes used to be relegated to half an aisle at the drugstore — remember those ill-fitting French Maid and jailbird costumes that came in plastic packaging?

While sexy (nurses, cowgirls, schoolgirls and super-heroes) and scary (vampires, Friday and the 13th's Jason and various nameless undead) never go out of fashion, there are new trends every year, said store operator Nick Hemm.

Some of the latest costumes capitalize on the success of recent movies, including Indiana Jones, V for Vendetta and the Saw franchise. Theme costumes, which allow each member of a group to dress as a different character, are also popular this year, said Fauteux.

The ultra-organized can go as the gang from Scooby



Spirit store operator Rick Fauteux, left, and employee Karen Sage check out some costumes at the Spirit Halloween store.

Doo or Star Wars, or as Spartans from the movie 300.

For those in a more exclusive club, couples' costumes include bacon and egg and plug and socket.

Halloween seems to have exploded. Case in point — the witch hat section boasts at least a dozen variations on the plain vinyl black hat I wore when I dressed up as a witch more than 20 years ago. Horror makeup, too, is so real that it guarantees to send mom running for the first aid kit.

Some costumes, like the parasitic twin, are pretty creative and years ago,

would only be possible if you found a way to make it yourself at home.

While some might consider adults dressing for Halloween frivolous, I think it's good for us.

It's great to have the opportunity to chuckle at yourself. It's one day where normally buttoned-up types can unleash their creative/sexy/scary sides and besides, there's nothing like a good scare — or a good laugh — to spice up a chilly and dreary time of year.

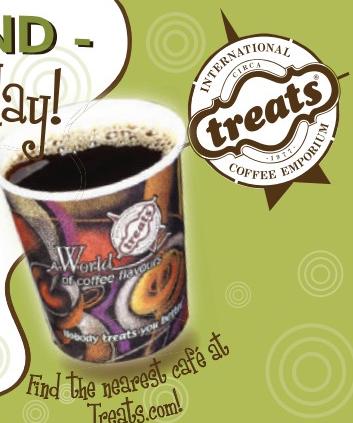
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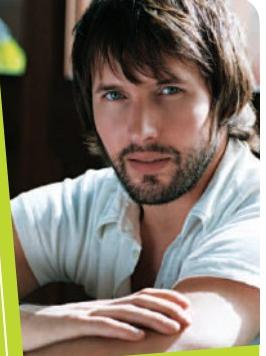
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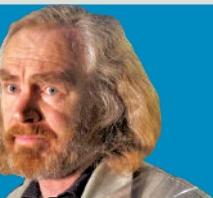
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World



Russia releases finance deputy

Russia released a deputy finance minister yesterday pending his trial for embezzlement, a move that may show Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin has checked attempts to undermine his position. Sergei Storchak, left, who oversaw Russia's debt and its \$163-billion oil wealth fund, was arrested last November and accused of attempting to embezzle \$43 million in a complex deal with foreign debts owed to Russia.

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Initiatives by celebrities like Beyoncé Knowles, Christina Aguilera and Sean "P.Diddy" Combs to persuade young people to vote have been successful, research showed yesterday.

"Celebrities have the power to motivate civic engagement regardless of their own grasp of the issues at hand," according to a study by Washington State University published in the Mass Communica-

Youth voter turnout

- About 44 million people aged 18 to 29 are eligible to vote in the Nov. 4 presidential election. If young voter turnout exceeded 50 per cent,

it would be only the third time since the voting age was lowered to 18 in 1972. Turnout among young voters peaked at 55 per cent in 1972.

tion and Society journal.

The study, based on a survey of 305 students at the university, contrasted with a number of other polls which indicated

celebrity endorsements of presidential candidates were unlikely to sway votes.

It said: "Celebrity endorsed campaigns success-

fully lowered complacency and helped young people believe in their own impact on the political system. Young people got involved at higher levels and became increasingly aware of societal issues."

The study, led by Erica Austin, researched the influence of "get out the vote" campaigns in 2004 involving Knowles, Aguilera, Combs and other people in 2004 can largely be attributed to celebrity get-out-the-vote promotions.

REUTERS



Sean Combs

U.S. court awards huge settlement for slavery

A U.S. court awarded \$80 million in damages to three Cuban dockworkers in a "modern-day slavery" scheme between the Cuban government and a Caribbean ship repair company, a lawyer for the men said yesterday.

The Cubans alleged that Curacao Drydock Co. conspired with Havana to force them to work as

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The amount in millions a U.S. court awarded three Cuban dock workers in a modern day slavery case involving the Cuban government and a Caribbean ship repair company.

slaves to fix cruise ships, tankers and oil platforms at the company's shipyard on the Netherlands Antilles island of Curacao. Their attorney filed suit under the U.S. Alien Tort Statute,

which allows foreigners to file civil suits in U.S. federal courts for alleged violations of international human rights laws. **REUTERS**

Thailand PM found guilty of conflict of interest



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Supporters of the People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) celebrate and hold a banner at the Government House in Bangkok yesterday. Thailand's Supreme Court ruled yesterday that former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra had violated a conflict-of-interest law while in office and sentenced him to two years in prison. Shinawatra is accused of having involvement in his wife's purchase of land from a central bank fund.

Obama to visit sick grandmother

POLITICS U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama will leave the campaign trail to go to Hawaii this week to visit the ailing grandmother who helped raise him along with his mother, Ann Dunham, and his grandfather, Stanley Dunham, an aide said.

Obama's grandmother, Madelyn Dunham, who will be 86 on Sunday has seen her health deteriorate over the last two weeks.

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News in brief

GUANTANAMO The Pentagon official overseeing the Guantanamo war crimes court dismissed all charges against five prisoners yesterday including British resident Binyam Mohamed who says he falsely confessed to a radioactive "dirty bomb" plot while being tortured.

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INDIA BOMBING At least 14 people were killed and nearly 40 wounded when a powerful bomb exploded yesterday in India's troubled northeast, police said. The device, thought to have been hidden in a bicycle killed two people on the spot.



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Castles in sand will sink

The West View

Paul Sullivan
 Journalist & Media Consultant

Tell me what's wrong with this picture. In my neighbourhood, a modest, two-bedroom, postwar bungalow goes up for sale — and sells for \$1 million. The guy who buys it tears it down, puts up a splendid 5.5-thousand square foot castle and puts it on the market for \$2.3 million.

It's still sitting there, unsold, six months later.

There was a for rent sign on it for a while, but I guess they thought it sent the wrong message, so they took it down.

People stop and peer in

the windows as they walk their dogs. They've never seen anything like it before. It's a completely new kind of folly and they find it interesting.

But every day I get up, look out the front window at the Museum to Excess and the bad feeling grows: OMG, this is crazy. Million dollar teardowns! Palaces on poky suburban streets! We're gonna crash!

There are some who don't buy the argument that the U.S. real estate meltdown will blow the roof down in Canada. But the facts state otherwise: The average price of a home declined 6.2 per cent across the country in September.

The Canadian Real Estate Association reports that declines in Canada's most expensive housing markets will pull down the national average for the rest of this year and into 2009. "Canada's most ex-

pensive housing markets" include the Vancouver street where I live, but before you start gloating, Rest of Canada, it also includes Calgary and Toronto, and sooner or later Montreal, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Halifax etc.

These days, not even a Left Coast condomaniac, is going to pay \$800K for an 800 square foot condo.

pensive housing markets" include the Vancouver street where I live, but before you start gloating, Rest of Canada, it also includes Calgary and Toronto, and sooner or later Montreal, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Halifax etc.

The average price of homes in Vancouver is still a ridiculous \$535,598. But that's eight per cent less than last year, and perhaps even more significant, sales are running 43 per cent below last year. What's that loud popping sound?

Those of us sitting on a pile of shrinking equity mumble denials like worry

beads: Vancouver is the No. 1 city in the world according to the Economist or whatever ... the 2010 Olympics will save us ... everyone wants to live here. The Bank of Canada will save us, keeping that easy money pipeline open. Etc. But as Bertold Brecht said: Those who are still laughing have not yet heard the bad news.

These days, not even a Left Coast condomaniac, is going to pay \$800K for an 800 square foot condo (yep, that's \$1,000 a square foot) — even if it does come with granite counter tops!

Maybe never again.

What was that Jimi Hendrix song? Castles made of sand sink into the sea ... eventually.

I think "eventually" just happened — right across the street.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist, owner of Sullivan Media consulting, and Editor in Chief of Orato.com, the citizen news web site.

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Ashley Beaudin, OTTAWA

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Business

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Ottawa buys more mortgages

BAILOUT Ottawa said yesterday the government-run Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. agency will buy up to \$7 billion of insured mortgages from financial institutions tomorrow, the second chunk of a \$25-billion plan to help banks free up cash for lending and overcome credit market constraints.

The government bought a first set of mortgages worth \$5 billion last Thursday.

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Maple Leaf meat back on shelves

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Labourers work with gunpowder mixture inside a firecracker factory on the outskirts of the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri yesterday. Firecrackers are in great demand ahead of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, which will be celebrated across the country on Oct. 28.

Bank of Canada cuts rate

Canadian investors were left hungry for more and slightly confused yesterday when the Bank of Canada surprised them with a meeker-than-expected rate cut, a move that seemed at odds with its bleak outlook.

"It was the right statement but the wrong headline," said Derek Holt, a Scotia Capital economist.

Like Holt, most analysts thought that if the bank bothered to cut rates at all, the financial crisis warranted a half-point rate cut in a single shot. Instead, the bank shaved a quarter point off its benchmark rate, opting to wait until

December before considering another quarter-point cut. It's perhaps explained by signs that global credit markets are starting to thaw thanks to liquidity injections and government help for banks. Notably, bank-to-bank lending premiums fell to a three-week low yesterday.

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Brief bump ends

The S&P/TSX composite index snapped a two-day winning streak to close down 455.60 points, or 4.44 per cent, at 9,795.80, on a smaller-than-expected rate cut and falling commodity prices.

Business in brief

GAS Russia, Iran and Qatar have formed a consensus to set up a permanent OPEC-style gas export group.

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Geography out the window?

CFL's playoff oddities could result in all-Alberta Grey Cup

York Report



Marty York

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The CFL can often be the Complicated Football League, you know, and one of the reasons is its unusual playoff format.

I won't get into complete details here because it's, well, too complicated, but there's at least a reasonable chance the CFL's Grey Cup game in Montreal next month could actually involve two teams from the same province.

Yep, because of the CFL's complicated playoff formula, we could see the **Calgary Stampeders** and **Edmonton Eskimos** clash-

ing helmets in the league's championship game Nov. 23.

This would be awfully weird, of course.

Edmonton would be representing the Eastern Division. Which raises this question:

Huh?

One of the most appealing qualities of the Grey Cup tilt is that it traditionally produces a geographic rivalry, with a genuine East-West matchup.

Because the CFL's Western teams are so superior this season, however, the division's last-place team will cross over for the Eastern semi-final at Winnipeg.

And, if it beats the mediocre **Blue Bombers**, it would meet the **Alouettes** in Montreal in the Eastern final Nov. 17. And, if it defeats the Als,

this Western team would actually qualify as the Eastern representative for the Grey Cup.

With two weeks remaining in the regular season, the red-hot Stamps are atop the West with 22 points and are Cup favourites.

The **B.C. Lions** and **Saskatchewan Roughriders** trail the Stamps with

- Metro sports columnist Marty York is reporting that Don Matthews, winningest coach in CFL history, will be dumped by the Argonauts immediately after this season. The sources say Matthews, 69, had a handshake arrangement only to finish this season and has not impressed Toronto ownership enough to merit retention. The Argos are 0-6 since Matthews replaced Rich Stubler in mid-season.

20 points each, and the Eskimos would at this point qualify as the crossover team into the Eastern playoffs as the Western cellar-dweller, with 18 points.

All of which explains why an all-Alberta Grey Cup is feasible.

Which is cool, I suppose, if you're an Albertan.

But what would it do for Canadians in general? Would it be of interest for the masses or a turn-off?

CFL spokesman **Jamie Dykstra** emerged with a politically correct answer for me yesterday, saying: "Our position is that, any time we can have the two best teams in the Grey Cup, that's what we're looking for."

Other CFL sources, however, tell me CFL commissioner **Mark Cohon** has let it slip in private that

he's hoping the Als flourish in the post-season in order to ensure an authentic East-West Grey Cup.

I understand the concerns. But that's life in the CFL. There are always concerns. There are always complications.

For the record, there have been four crossover teams in the CFL since the format was instituted in 1997. None won a play-off game.

But there's always a first. And this year's Eskimos — or any Western team, for that matter — are strong enough to end the crossover drought and advance to the Cup final next month.

Brace yourself.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Tonight



The 2-2 Sens look for their second home victory of the season over the Panthers tonight, who are coming off a 3-1 loss in Montreal Monday.

Fox hoping for long series

TELEVISION What Fox Sports wants more than anything

when it airs Major League Baseball's World Series starting this week is a competitive — and long-lasting — affair. "When the World Series is going seven games, it can be the biggest story in sports. When it's a sweep, it's a little bit of a dog," said Jeff Gagne, a vice president with MPG North America, responsible for national sports negotiations. REUTERS

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TAMPA BAY WINS IF ...

They can prove in the first two games in Tampa that they are no longer post-season rookies — which they really aren't any more. With two series wins including a grinding, exhilarating victory over the Red Sox, the Rays are as hardened as any first-season playoff team can be. The rotation is set up perfectly: LH Scott Kazmir in Game 1 at the Trop,

where he performs his best; James Shields and Matt Garza in Games 2-3 and 6-7 — at home, if necessary. If they get the series back to Tampa they will be very tough.

The revelation of the energizing Red Sox series may have been David Price. After holding it together and closing out Game 7, he could be an important cog as a closer vs. the Phillies since they lost

Troy Percival to injury and Dan Wheeler to exhaustion. A win would be a great story for recovering RF Rocco Baldelli.

PHILADELPHIA WINS IF ...

LH Cole Hamels can have his way and shut down the Rays' young bats in his two scheduled starts against a very aggressive lineup. His change-up should be more effective than if he were facing a more patient Red

Sox lineup. Ryan Howard, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley need to step up and take the pressure off Shane Victorino. Brad Lidge, on paper, gives the Phils a huge advantage if he can continue his perfect streak of saves. Even with Hamels winning both his starts, the Phils need two more victories to win the series from among Brett Myers, Jamie Moyer and Joe Blanton.

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Good-luck monuments

Whether you choose to rub, kiss or pat them, travel web site VirtualTourist.com has come up with a list of the top monuments in the world believed to bring good luck:

1 Victor Noir Grave; Pere Lachaise, Paris, France:

Although not nearly as famous a personality as most of the names in this star-studded cemetery, Noir's grave is one of the site's prime attractions. A rub of his trousers is thought to increase fertility.

2 Showgirls Bronze; Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada:

If luck is truly a lady then visitors to Las Vegas should make the kick-line statue outside the Riviera's

Crazy Girls review a priority. It's said that a little fanny pat will increase gamblers' odds.

3 Bull Mosaic; Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, Milan, Italy:

If shoppers in the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele look a little dizzy there's a good reason. Legend has it that planting your heel on the testicles of the mall's bull mosaic and spinning around will bring good luck.

4 Blarney Stone; Blarney Castle, Blarney, Co. Cork, Ireland:

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The Fall of the Wall

Next year will mark the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, and to celebrate, cities from Berlin to Leipzig will host special festivals, exhibitions and events. Visit berlin.de for further details.

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Partying on in Reykjavik

Icelanders are still going out to party at night in droves regardless — or maybe because of — the island's near financial collapse. Helped by the Iceland Airwaves pop festival now taking place clubs across the capital, bars and restaurants along Reykjavik's main street are doing a roaring trade.

"Actually when people get depressed they drink more," said Friestein Gislason, manager of the Solon bar, one of the most popular on the main street. "The crisis has not hit us so much so far."

Iceland has been a hip travel destination for young Europeans in recent years because of its off-beat nightlife and cultural scene and natural attractions, including thermal pools and volcanoes.

And although the most notable visitors in town are an International Monetary Fund delegation, Iceland hopes more tourists will come in search of bargains after the devaluation of their currency.



Visitors and locals alike in Iceland see their drinks half-full amid the global economic crisis.

"It is going to be so crowded in downtown Reykjavik, similar to good, good summer days. You will see about 20,000 people in this small area. It is going to be a good party, just like normal," said Ae-gir Dagsson, manager of the Kaffibarinn.

His small, popular bar, central to the cult movie 101 Reykjavik, was packed

on Thursday, with a mostly young crowd and many people waiting to get in.

Arnar Ludviksson, who works at the bar, says "I know 60 per cent of the people that go to this bar, there will be about 200 people here tonight."

In the early hours of the morning, large groups of people are out and about, despite the talk of finan-

cial woes.

The Finance Ministry said that Icelanders' debt was equal to two times their annual disposable income. Some see these problems hitting home further down the road.

Icelanders say they are used to crisis and have also become toughened in the harsh north Atlantic climate.

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Nervous hoteliers ponder their industry's gloomy outlook

The world's biggest hoteliers expect their industry to stagnate as the financial crisis hits lending for new projects and forces people to cut back on travel.

That gloomy realization, expressed at a conference in Hong Kong last week, spells more trouble for the global economy. Travel and

hospitality employs nearly quarter of a billion people and accounts for a tenth of gross domestic product.

"In the West there's fear, in London and New York you can see it, smell it," said Andy Cosslett, chief executive of Intercontinental Hotels Group

"Asia is the place to be,

but even they're not going to get away with it."

The global travel business will probably expand 0.5 per cent in 2009, according to an increasingly pessimistic World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), which had previously forecast 4.5 per cent growth.

The industry has notched up annual growth of three to four per cent since 2003.

"A crisis like this brings modesty," said WTTC President Jean-Claude Baumgarten, adding that falling property markets across the world would hurt tourism.

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Days of the dead

Honouring the dead with gifts and offerings a popular annual November event in Mexico

GABRIELA GUTIÉRREZ
Metro World News



Since September, iconic Day of the Dead decorations have been appearing throughout Mexico's streets and stores. It's more than a marketing exercise, though — Mexicans take this holiday seriously.

Every year on Nov. 1 and 2, Mexican families take time out to remember, pray for, and host the spirits of loved ones who have passed away. Here's what happens:

On those days, graveyards become full of the living. It's like a party; visitors decorate the graves and tombs, and bring flowers, balloons — even Mariachis — with them.

In many little towns

(pueblos) the celebrations last into the night, and the graves are beautifully surrounded by candles and offerings.

There are actually two days of the dead: The first one, celebrated on Nov. 1, is just for the "little deads" — the kids; the second, on Nov. 2, is for the grown-ups.

The annual celebration is the second biggest day for flower sales, out-purchased only by Mother's Day. The cempasúchitl, a sort of marigold, is a popular choice people use as an "ofrendas" made at the grave.

The night before the Day of the Dead, you should leave an ofrenda that includes the four elements for your deceased loved ones, otherwise they will not be waiting

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Air is represented by the intense perfume of the cempasúchitl flowers — also known as the Flower of the Dead — that will lead the dead ones to the ofrenda, and by paper streamers that made a nice noise in the wind.

Earth is symbolised by food and fruit, while fire is represented by candles that light the route for deceased loved ones to find their way back to you.

Water is left to quench the thirst of the deceased, who will need a drink after their long journey — and a sampling of their favourite tequila is usually also appreciated.



Candy skulls are a popular gift during Day of the Dead festivities.

A picture of the dead, and all the things they enjoyed in life, from Playstations to comics, is also left so the deceased will feel at home.

People will traditionally give you a sugar or chocolate skull with your name on it that you can eat it after the holiday.

You may also receive a humorous rhyming poem called a "calavera" (skull). It's a personalized ode,

that ends in your being killed off by Death, who will be referred to by one of his many synonyms: the skinny, the cold, the bony, the "tilica" or the "Catrina."

Another essential part of an ofrenda is the Bread of Dead, a delicious circle of bread with sugar that may also come with some bone-shaped decorations.

One of the most popular icons of the Day of the

Dead is Catrina, an image created by the illustrator Jose Guadalupe Posada, but made famous by the great Mexican painter Diego Rivera (husband of Frida Kahlo). It is the skeleton of a fancy lady, created during the Revolution era (1910-1920), which represents the death of high-class society. You can now find her image in paintings, handcrafts and even costumes.

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All about choice

Broad range of rewards, including cash, now available

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Just a decade ago, men and women collecting loyalty rewards across Canada had a pair of plain vanilla choices when it came to cashing in those points: Air travel or a limited range of merchandise.

Today, plain vanilla has morphed into more choices than the front counter at a Baskin Robbins ice cream parlour.

Depending on the program, rewards points can pay down mortgages and personal loans, pay municipal property taxes in some cities, be converted into retirement or education savings or provide a chunk of

cash back at the end of the year.

Recipients can rent cars, pay for vehicles, support charities, spend a weekend at a spa, go to a movie or a concert and purchase anything from \$25 gift certificates to Vespa scooters and big screen televisions — or even offset all that carbon whooshed into the atmosphere by jet planes.

"For us, it is a matter of meeting customer demand, doing the research, finding out what customers really want and then offering that kind of reward," says Stacey Pearson, associate vice-president of retail products at TD Visa. "We have done the studies of our customers, and what they

have told us they really want is two things: Travel and cash back."

The result? TD offers a quartet of Visa cards with travel rewards, two of which give cash back based on total spending.

"At the end of each year, we send out cheques to cardholders in the tens of millions of dollars," she says. "For many of them, it is the happiest day of the year. With the cash they receive, they can go out and buy what they want. There is no need for merchandise rewards."

Lori Gray, vice-president of branch banking for the Ontario region at HSBC Canada, says she would go along with part of that. HSBC customers want travel

and cash back, but they also want two other options: Merchandise and the ability to give rewards points to charities.

"Loyalty is all about choices," she says. "Collectors usually decide from the beginning what kinds of rewards best suit them and then start working out ways to maximize spending so they get the rewards they want."

"At our bank, there is a 50-50 split between customers collecting for travel and customers collecting for other rewards, including merchandise, charitable donations and cash back."

At Air Miles, all categories of rewards showed a huge increase in redemptions last year, says Neil Everett, senior vice-president and chief marketing officer at Loyalty One, which runs the program.

"Redemptions are up 13 per cent so far this year," he says. "To date, 94 per cent of all collectors have redeemed for something."

The most popular rewards are gift certificates, including fuel cards, followed by electronics.

Collectors usually start by redeeming for small rewards — perhaps an A&P gift certificate — says Everett. Then they move up the chain.

"The next redemption might be something like



Studies have shown customers prefer cash back and travel rewards, as well as merchandise and the ability to donate points.

an iPod. When they find out how easy it is ... they set their sights higher."

How high? Everett says Air Miles will fill about 600,000 airline seats this year — or one every 3.9 seconds.

At Aeroplan, merchandise rewards are fast rising in popularity.

In 2006, they accounted for 18 per cent of redemptions.

Last year, that figure rose to 20 per cent and, this year, it has already reached that 20-per-cent mark, says Nathalie Berlanger, general manager of rewards management at Groupe Aeroplan in Montreal.

Aeroplan currently offers more than 500 mer-

chandise rewards, including Vespa motor scooters that cost 619,000 miles each.

"We started life as a frequent-flyer program but are now in the process of recreating ourselves as a more complicated, more sophisticated frequent-flyer and frequent-spender program," Berlanger says.

"To do that, we have added a range of redemption choices, including merchandise, charitable giving, experiential rewards and even a new carbon credit program, which lets members use rewards points to offset the carbon dioxide their flights release into the atmosphere."

Just cash, please

Here's a look at five of the top credit cards in Canada that offer their subscribers cash back on purchases.

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Building brand key

Keeping customers happy important as market falls

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

As the market continues to plummet, keeping current customers loyal to your brand is likely to become more important than ever.

With less money to spend in a down-turning economy, even the strongest sellers are likely to see a drop in their overall sales, regardless of whether customers stick with their particular brand.

There are some bright spots, however.

When times get tough people take fewer risks, meaning they do tend to stick with reliable brands they know and trust.

Loyalty incentives such

as quantity discounts, frequent shopper cards and Air Miles reward points can also have a greater impact than usual as customers look for every savings edge they can get when shopping.

Malcolm Fowler, senior vice-president of Vancouver-based loyalty solutions company Ernrex, says that loyalty programs actually become more important as tough times hit.

"It is a common misconception that in harder times loyalty programs become one of the first things that are cut from marketing budgets. As the economy continues to squeeze consumers' wallets, consumers will look to spend their dollars where they



Keeping current customers happy is a win-win situation financially, experts say.

get the most value — a loyalty program can be a key differentiator," Fowler said.

He does expect retailers will forgo the long-term rewards packages and instead focus more on instant gratification.

"As consumers begin to look toward ways to cut down their expenses, businesses may offer shorter, more immediate rewards rather than focusing on

awards that may seem harder to attain," Fowler said.

He also says research has shown obtaining new customers is three to five times as expensive as it is to maintain the business of current customers, so keeping current customers happy is a win-win situation financially.

As long as businesses update their loyalty programs

to make sure they are relevant to their customers' needs and tastes, Fowler says customers will come back.

"It really doesn't matter if someone who will never purchase from your business doesn't see value in your loyalty program — it does matter that your best customers do and that the program is relevant to your target market," he said.

"As the economy continues to squeeze customers' wallets, consumers will look to spend their dollars where they get the most value — a loyalty program can be a key differentiator."

Malcolm Fowler

Redemption rates rise during the holidays

ERIC EMIN WOOD
for Metro Canada

Thinking about redeeming those reward points this November? You're not alone. Most loyalty programs see their redemption rates go up during the holiday season, and this year, despite talk of a recession, is expected to be no different.

"From a rewards perspective, we're pretty confident that people are going to be using their miles as much, if not more, to get the things that they want for the holidays," says Nathalie Belanger, general manager of rewards management with Aeroplan.

Two-thirds of Aeroplan's four million members redeem their points during the holiday season, says Belanger. Rate of accumulation is roughly one mile for every dollar spent, with non-flight rewards ranging from \$50 gift cards (which cost around 6,000 miles) to a 50-inch HDTV (483,000 miles).

Rival Air Miles is no different. "I think the big focus is just people getting smarter about how they



Retail programs tend to gain customers during the holidays.

spend their dollars," says Neil Everett, senior vice-president and chief marketing officer with Air Miles. "Our program is primarily based on things you need to buy every day, so we don't see a significant change in that behaviour."

The Air Miles reward program includes 14.5 million members in Canada, with more than 100 sponsors offering more than 800 products and gift certificates in every category

imaginable. Rewards include the iPod Touch (4200 miles), a 50-inch HD TV (36,000 miles) and Flare magazine subscriptions (75 miles). Most sponsors offer one Air Mile for every \$20 spent.

Neither Aeroplan nor Air Miles see enrolments spike during the holidays. "We typically see about 60,000 enrolments a month," says Everett. "It takes a bit of time to collect miles, so there really isn't an advan-

tage to enrolling at this particular time of year."

Retail programs usually gain customers during the holiday season, however.

"Since the holidays are our busiest season and most enrolment happens in our stores, we typically see an increase in memberships," says Shawn Bloom, Director of Hbc Rewards.

Members of the Hbc reward program earn 50 points for every dollar they spend at any Bay, Zellers or

Home Outfitters store. Rewards include Hbc gift cards (a \$100 gift card is worth 800,000 points), gas, movies, and even flights.

More customers sign up for Indigo's iRewards program during the holiday season as well, says Deirdre Horgan, chief marketing officer of Indigo. "We see a quarter of our annual members sign up during the November-December time period," she says. Members of the program account for more than 40 per cent of the company's overall sales.

The iRewards program differs from the others in that it's fee-based. Rather than points, consumers are offered savings on merchandise — 40 per cent off bestsellers, 10 per cent off all books in-store, 5 per cent off any books purchased online. More than one million members pay the annual fee of \$25.

"The difference is you get immediate benefits," Horgan says. "Books are an affordable gift, and this holiday season people are going to be seeking discounts and saving a bit more aggressively than in the past."

Unique wares on offer at online shops

In a tough economy, there's a "flight to value," by consumers trying to stretch their dollars, says Air Miles president and CEO Bryan Pearson.

Looking for ways to meet the demand, Canada's leader in rewards programs, with 15 million cardholders in 10 million households, now offers online shopping for select consumer goods with big Air Miles bonuses.

That's in addition to Air Miles' existing e-store.

"We often come across really neat products and so we decided to make some of them available to our consumers in such a way that they could pay cash and get rewards miles for their purchases," he says.

The site launched Sept. 21 with four products ranging from \$49.99 to \$129.99. Each item comes with 50 bonus miles, plus the regular one reward mile for every \$20 spent.

Using an Air Miles affiliated credit card to make the buy also allows consumers to earn even more miles.

"Fifty Air Miles is the equivalent of spending \$1,000," says Pearson. "We see these bonuses as a way to add incentive and create excitement."

The first products on the site were a pocket video cam for \$109.99, an indoor grill for \$49.99, an iPod boombox for \$49.99 and a clock radio and photo frame for \$129.99.

"We've launched this as a pilot project and we'll see what response we get from consumers," says Pearson. The plan is to make limited quantities of select products available for short periods and add new ones as they sell out.

"We'll look at anything that's a good deal and good value for our collector base ... items that might not be readily available in retail stores," Pearson says.

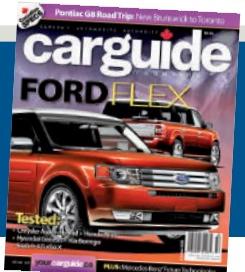
Meanwhile, Air Miles' closest competitor, Aeroplan — with more than four million members in 20 per cent of Canadian households — has also made some recent moves to attract consumers.

Started in 1984 by Air Canada as a frequent-flyer program, the company made a shift in 2003 to expand beyond air travel rewards into retail, hotel rooms and rental cars.

In June, the company launched Aeroplan eStore, offering miles for purchases from 90 retailers, including Dell Canada, Toys R Us, Tiger Direct and Chapters Indigo. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Small changes, big difference

The new Acura TL is handsome, powerful and techno-loaded

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for Metro Canada

The Acura TL debuted in 1995 with what would become the gradual evolution of Honda Accord-based efforts, but it's the third-generation version that really caught the attention of Acura aficionados with its techno-loaded combination of angular design and dynamically muscular performance.

Yes, there's been contentment in Acuraville. But if you pressed the TL faithful, they just might admit to a small wish list requesting more of the same — more power, more handling, a more distinctive look and, what the heck, maybe a little more rear seat room while we're at it.

So, with the latest generation design, still handsome as it is, now in its fifth year, a reworking was inevitable. Which was why Canadian automotive journalists trekked to New York for the recent unveiling of the new fourth-generation 2009 Acura TL.

So, let's start with size. The 2009 Acura TL is noticeably larger — 156 mm (6 inches) longer, 30 mm (1.8 inches) wider and 10 mm (0.5 inches) taller. And that bigger body rests on a wider track and a 34 mm (1.4 inches) longer wheelbase, all of the latter applied to a stretch of rear



The 2009 Acura TL, bigger, with more power, more poise and now available with SH-AWD or Super Handling All-Wheel Drive system.



The TL SH-AWD model with its artfully exposed all-new 3.7-litre V6 engine harnessing 305 hp and 273 lb-ft of torque.

seat room. There's also more trunk room, a larger double-deck glove box, a sliding drawer in the centre armrest and new centre console pockets.

The size increase results are obvious — more interi-

or room and more poise on the road. Yet the size increase has been managed with minimal weight gain and it has not hampered the TL's inherent sportiness.

Which brings us to pow-

er and performance. And the one factor that has always sort of sidelined the TL as the wallflower at the sport sedan dance — front-wheel-drive.

While the European originators of the sport sedan niche have remained true to the balance credo of front-wheel-steering and rear-wheel-drive, also inspiring other Japanese brands like Lexus and Infiniti to follow their lead, Acura remained the only premier brand to dig in its heels and stick with front-wheel power. But as those competitors have begun to push performance further with new all-wheel drive offerings, Acura can now meet them on a level

playing field with their own SH-AWD, or Super Handling All-Wheel Drive system.

The 2009 Acura TL will be available in two models — TL and TL SH-AWD.

The SH-AWD, available on the TL for the first time, is primarily a front-wheel-drive system that can shift up to 70 per cent of power to the rear wheels under acceleration. In fact, it can shift torque to any wheel. On your favourite twisties, the system can also distribute more torque to the outside rear wheel to create a "yaw moment" to help the TL turn in more quickly and precisely — while also continuously apportioning drivetrain power from

2009 Acura TL

Type: Premium sports Sedan
Price: \$39,990-\$44,490
Engine: 3.5-litre V6
HP: 280-305 hp

Highlights

- Muscular styling
- Front- and AWD available
- Larger than predecessor

front to rear and left to right. There's an obvious reduction of the torque-steering feel inherent to the base front-wheel-drive model and the result is balanced performance that offers more than just all-weather security.

Corresponding to those two model choices are two different all-aluminum VTEC engines. A 3.5-litre V6 producing 280 hp and 254 lb-ft of torque replaces the former 3.2-litre engine.

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Performance-sedan devotees will probably choose the TL SH-AWD model. Its bored and stroked, all-new 3.7-litre V6 engine harnesses 305 hp and 273 lb-ft of torque and it accelerates with a little more sound and fury than the stock engine. Those are V8 numbers with V6 fuel economy, with power levels up 19 hp and 19 lb-ft over the previous Type-S 3.5-litre.

BMW gets innovative transmission

BorgWarner will supply its DualTronic clutch module for the seven-speed "M double-clutch transmission (DCT) Drivelogic" in the BMW M3, recently launched in Europe.

The BorgWarner Dual-Tronic(R) clutch module is a critical component in the BMW M DCT Drivelogic developed and manufactured by GETRAG.

The transmission is the world's first dual clutch transmission designed for conventional RWD inline vehicle con-

figurations and was developed to match BMW's highest performance vehicles.

The same transmission will later be used in other BMW 3-series vehicles.

The M DCT Drivelogic boosts the M3's 0-100 Km/h (0-62 mph) acceleration by 0.2 seconds over a standard manual gearbox.

Potential fuel economy gains are 4-10 per cent when compared with a traditional automatic trans-

mission.

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dual-clutch transmission programs with five additional global automakers including BMW.

In addition, BorgWarner is currently working on over 25 programs with transmission and vehicle makers around the world.

Supported by manufacturing capacity at its facilities in the United States, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, China and Mexico, BorgWarner expects to quadruple production of its dual-clutch



BorgWarner will supply its DualTronic clutch module for the BMW M3.

technology over the next six years to 2.5 million applications per year at full-launch of announced programs.

Malibu's winning formula

Luxurious style and fuel-efficiency make for one great combo

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

North American Car of the Year! It's been quite a while since Chevrolet could boast that honour, but that's just what happened in January when the 2008 Chevrolet Malibu was named North American Car of the Year at the international auto show in Detroit.

To do that, Malibu had to not just match but surpass its deadly rivals, the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.

Taking a platform engineered by its German subsidiary, Opel, it ladled in the looks, didn't mess with the European-generated ride and handling and then came up with not one but four Malibus aimed at four different audiences.

The base Malibu LS has a starting price of \$22,995. The LT package begins at \$24,895 and the top of the line LTZ comes in at \$33,610. In addition, the Malibu Hybrid model at \$26,995 is the most affordable hybrid system on the market.

Malibu offers two quirky yet fuel-efficient dual overhead cam engines, including a standard 169 hp (160 lb/ft of torque) 2.4-litre Ecotec DOHC four-cylinder engine that delivers 9.6L/100 km in the city and 6.5L/100 km on the highway. The topline engine is a 252 hp (251 lb/ft) 3.6-litre DOHC V6 with variable valve timing that delivers 12.2L/100 km in

the city and 7.8 L/100 on the highway. The Malibu Hybrid model is powered by a 2.4-litre Ecotec engine/electric motor (164 hp, 159 lb/ft) and achieves 8.5L/100km in the city and 6.2L/100 on the highway.

Right now the four-cylinder engines have a four-speed automatic and the V6 has a six-speed automatic. Later this year, the topline LTZ will be available with a four-cylinder engine in addition to the six-speed automatic making that a first in the mid-size segment and something long-distance commuters should love because it combines all the amenities of a luxury car with frugal gas consumption.

The style story starts with the exterior. Visually, the new Malibu looks more substantial than the previous model with the Chevy bowtie logo integrated nicely into the new "family" one-bar grille. Interestingly, there are no less than 12 "bowtie" badges on the exterior, some obvious, others small and discreet like on the headlight bulb reflectors.

All Malibus come equipped with ABS, traction control, tire pressure monitor, six standard airbags and StabiliTrac (GM's version of pitch and yaw control) on all but the base version.

Malibu also comes with OnStar with the Directions and Connections feature. Directions provides turn-by-turn voice and monitor screen directions to anywhere.

The LTZ tested here is as



The 2008 Malibu is a giant step forward for Chevrolet, bringing it from just another player in the mid-size sedan segment to one of the leaders by offering more standard content at competitive prices.

2008 Chevy Malibu

Type: Mid-size sedan
Price: \$33,610, as tested
Engine: 3.6-litre DOHC V6
HP: 252 hp, 251 lb/ft

Highlights

- Won 2008 North American Car of the Year
- Luxury interior
- Frugal fuel consumption

good as most of the vaunted European sports sedans and not surprisingly so as it is based on the Opel Vectra that is no slouch on the autobahns. Its engine and six-speed automatic with Tap-shift sequential manual shift mode is the same as the Cadillac CTS. Drivers can se-



Like the exterior, the Malibu has shed its humdrum interior look for an almost twin cockpit look.

lect manual mode which features paddles mounted on the steering wheel.

On the highway, the six-speed goes through the gears so smoothly, you

don't feel it. I've noticed before on other GM products with this engine/transmission that on cruise especially, you don't have the sensation of the gearbox drop-

ping down a gear while the engine roars away to maintain whatever speed you have chosen in cruise.

The LTZ lists at \$33,610 and is loaded with standard features like the two-tone leather, XM free for three months; OnStar for a year, 18-inch alloy wheels and the list really does go on. The only options on the car as tested were the power sunroof (\$1,195), premium paint (\$380) and rear 110-volt power point and rear retractable sunshade (\$325) for a total of \$38,860 including a \$1,250 shipping fee.

This is one car readers will have to see in the flesh and drive to get a better picture.

Dodge Charger gives more power to police

The new 2009 Dodge Charger police car is ready to patrol the streets with the ultimate in pursuit power, the new-generation 5.7-litre Hemi V8 engine.

The new engine will give the good guys more horses under the hood and even better fuel economy.

With the new 5.7-litre Hemi, the 2009 Dodge Charger is the most powerful production police vehicle on the road, producing 368 hp and 395 lb/ft of torque.

The 2009 Dodge Charger is the only police vehicle that offers best-in-class performance in four key pursuit categories: available power, acceleration, top speed and vehicle dynamics.

With a fuel economy rating of (US) 16 city/25 highway, the new Hemi engine also gets up to 20 per cent

New 2009 Dodge Charger police car gives the good guys 368 horses under the hood.



better fuel economy with the addition of fuel-saving Multi-Displacement System (MDS) technology, which deactivates four of the eight cylinders when less power is needed while cruising.

The 2009 Dodge Charger police car comes standard

with a five-speed automatic transmission with AutoStick(R) mated to a powerful, 3.5-litre High-Output V6 engine that provides 250 hp and 250 lb/ft of torque, offering an outstanding blend of performance and fuel economy of also (US)

16 city/25 highway.

The Dodge Charger police vehicle was designed from the ground up in order to meet the needs of law enforcement agencies.

Police-specific features include greater stability and improved handling achieved

through a "wheels-to-the-corners" design; performance-tuned steering and suspension; convenient shifter mounted on the instrument panel to make room for police equipment in the center console area; police interior lighting shines white to illuminate the interior and red for use with night vision equipment; heavy-duty seats accommodate fully equipped officers; and a spacious trunk.

The Dodge Charger police vehicle comes equipped with Electronic Stability Program (ESP), a segment exclusive that includes Anti-lock Brake System (ABS), All-speed traction control, Yaw Sensor and Steering Angle Sensor. ESP electronically detects and automatically assists drivers in critical driving situations, including adverse conditions.

Porsche, Corvette top green test

RACE A world debut only ever happens once.

And these will be the names to be remembered as the inaugural winners of the Green Challenge at the American Le Mans Series' signature endurance race, the Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta held recently: Porsche and its Penske RS Spyder team of Pat Long, Sascha Maassen and Emmanuel Collard, and GM/Chevrolet and its Corvette Racing team of Johnny O'Connell, Jan Magnussen and Ron Fellows. They earned the first ever Green Challenge trophies in their respective prototype (Porsche) and GT (Corvette) classes. Each had the best score in class for overall performance, fuel efficiency and environmental impact.

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Journeying with Dodge

2009 Journey a spacious yet affordable CUV option

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

There's a palpable sense of pride and excitement when you speak with folks from Chrysler about their company and upcoming products. However, with two of those disappearing products being the made-in-Canada Pacifica and Dodge Magnum, Chrysler needed a non-minivan people-mover.

So, the new-for-2009 Journey is Dodge's answer to that increasingly popular — and profitable — entry-level crossover segment. Aimed straight at the Toyota RAV4, Hyundai Santa Fe, Kia Rondo, Mazda5 and others, on paper the Journey is a typical five- or seven-seat, unibody chassis CUV with four- or six-cylinder power in either front- or all-wheel drive. Easy, right?

Well, yes. But what Journey really does is give Dodge a real shot at respectability, going head-on into a section of the market virtually dominated by the Japanese and Korean manufacturers.

The basis for the Journey is the tried-and-true

Avenger platform, although the wheelbase has been stretched 124 mm to accommodate that optional third row, while it sits 53 mm higher. However, overall length only grows 43 mm, meaning a reasonably compact size. All models get independent suspension and four-wheel disc brakes.

There will be four versions of Journey when it hits the ground in late February, all generously equipped: SE Canada Value Package, SE Plus, SXT and R/T.

Power comes straight from Avenger as well, meaning either a DOHC 2.4-litre VVT four-cylinder World Engine producing 173 hp @ 6,000 rpm and 166 lb-ft @ 4,400 rpm (SE Canada Value Package, SE Plus) or the SOHC 3.5-litre V6 with 235 hp @ 6,400 rpm and 232 lb-ft @ 4,000 rpm (SXT, R/T). The only transmissions available are automatics: a four-speed on the four-cylinder and a six-speed on the six. Front-wheel drive is standard, although an intelligent electronic all-wheel drive system that can split power up to 40:60 front to rear is optional on SXT and R/T.



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2009 Dodge Journey

Type: Crossover
Price: \$19,999-\$27,595
Engine: I4, DOHC, 2.4L/V6, SOHC, 3.5L
HP: 173 @ 6,000/235 @ 6,400

Highlights

- Affordable
- Seats seven
- Spacious



While there are still some plastics that you can bruise a knuckle on, the overall interior presentation is immensely improved.

Fuel economy is competitive as well, with the entire range featuring a 7 per cent improvement versus a comparable 2007 SWB Caravan.

Regardless, Dodge can claim the 'clever' moniker for its recent interior designs, and the Journey follows the same path. Storage bins abound in the second-row floor wells, under

the passenger seat and, of course, the dual glove boxes with the Chill Zone beverage storage. Rear cargo room is generous as well, with a tri-fold floor covering hidden bins to stash valuables away from prying eyes.

Sensitive to criticism

garnered from the quality, materials and fit of its recent interiors in the Patriot/Compass/Caliber triplets and the Sebring/Avenger sedans, the Journey is an impressive step forward for Chrysler Corp. While there are still some plastics that you can bruise a

knuckle on, the overall presentation is immensely improved. The dash angles towards the front of the vehicle, giving a better sense of space, while the large windows and relatively low beltline provide plenty of visibility. The gauges are crisp and clear, all the controls fall right to hand, and you'd be hard pressed to find many injection-molding seams as in previous Dodge offerings.

One other neat trick is the optional third-row seating, which is being made available across the line as a \$1,175 option, bringing with it air conditioning with three-zone temperature control. All seats, including the front passenger's, can fold perfectly flat without needing to remove any headrests.

Ford aims to put brakes on collisions

Ford will offer a new advanced "active" collision-avoidance technology, Collision Warning with Brake Support, on certain Ford and Lincoln vehicles next year.

Collision Warning with Brake Support uses radar to detect moving vehicles directly ahead.

When the danger of a collision is detected, the system warns the driver with an authoritative beep and a red warning light projected on the windshield above the instrument panel.

The system also automatically pre-charges brakes and engages a brake-assist feature that helps drivers quickly reach maximum braking once the brakes are engaged.

Collision Warning with Brake Support is one of three new radar-based active safety and driver-aid technologies Ford is launching across a range of



One of a slate of new technologies, Ford will offer a new advanced "active" collision-avoidance technology, Collision Warning with Brake Support.

vehicles in 2008 and 2009.

The others are Adaptive Cruise Control, launched this year, and BLIS (Blind Spot Information System) with Cross Traffic Alert, which debuts in 2009. All

three features use radar to detect the relative position of other vehicles and warn the driver with a combination of visual and audio alerts.

Collision Warning with Brake Support builds on

the basic function of Adaptive Cruise Control, a driver-assistance feature that Ford introduced on the 2009 Lincoln MKS. Adaptive Cruise Control uses radar to detect moving ve-

NHL, Honda sign 3-year agreement

DEAL Honda Canada Inc., American Honda Motor Co., Inc. and the National Hockey League have entered into a three-year agreement naming Honda as the official vehicle of the NHL.

Elements of the agreement include Honda sponsorship of NHL television and Internet coverage, along with active participation at NHL events in both Canada and the United States, such as the NHL Winter Classic and the NHL All-Star Weekend. "Hockey is the national sport of Canada from coast to coast," said Jerry Chinkin, executive vice-president of Honda Canada Inc. "This NHL sponsorship aligns well because of a variety of grassroots sponsorships and activities that are already being done by our Honda dealers."

hicles immediately ahead and modify cruising speed if necessary.

Research indicates that Collision Warning with Brake Support could be particularly helpful in warning a driver who is distracted or drowsy.

BLIS with Cross Traffic Alert can help provide extra confidence to drivers in parking lots by alerting drivers sooner of nearby traffic while backing out.

It uses two multiple beam radar modules, which are packaged in the rear quarter panels. The radar detects moving objects within a 65-foot range from either side of the vehicle.

The radar identifies when a vehicle enters the defined blind spot zone and illuminates an indicator light on the corresponding side-view mirror providing a warning that a vehicle is approaching.



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New level of performance

Ralliart badge boosts power, handling of 2009 Galant

Mitsubishi is expanding its line-up again by adding a Ralliart to the 2009 Galant mid-size sedan model.

The Ralliart badge on a Mitsubishi signifies that it has been given additional performance features to enhance power, ride and handling.

Mitsubishi started humbly here in Canada just six years ago with cobbled-together cars and trucks that were already well into their product cycle.

But that changed two years ago with the introduction of the Outlander SUV and the Eclipse sportscar. Recently the very high-performance Lancer Evolution 10 GSR and MR debuted and now there is a Ralliart version of the Galant for those who want more than just A-to-B driving in their lives.

The 2009 Mitsubishi Galant is offered in three distinct trim levels: Galant ES, Galant GT and Galant



Ralliart.

The entry-level Galant ES is powered by a 2.4-litre, SOHC, four-cylinder engine producing 160 and 157 lb/ft of torque. The front wheels are driven through a standard four-speed Sportronic automatic transmission with sequential shift mode.

The 2009 Galant GT features a 3.8-litre, SOHC V6 producing 230 hp and 250

lb/ft of torque with a standard five-speed Sportronic automatic also with sequential shift mode.

Then we come to the Ralliart that takes the Galant nameplate up into the level of high-performance sports sedans.

With a base price of \$32,998, power comes from the same 3.8-litre DOHC V6 found in the Eclipse GT-P sportscar and

gives the Galant Ralliart an acceleration time of zero-to-100 km/h in about seven seconds.

In the Ralliart, the 3.8-litre V6 produces 258 hp and 258 lb/ft of torque at 4,500 rpm, making it one of the most powerful import brand sport sedans in the segment.

This is accomplished in part by the Mitsubishi Innovative Valve Timing

2009 Mitsubishi Galant

Type: Mid-size sedan
Price: \$32,998
Engine: 3.8-litre DOHC V6
HP: 258 hp

Highlights

- Fast
- Large cabin
- Well-equipped base model

Electronic Control system (MIVEC) which helps optimize power and engine efficiency across a broad engine speed range.

Energuide fuel consumption ratings are 12.9L/1100 km city and 8.1L/100 km highway.

To enhance the driving experience, the Ralliart features its own, higher-rate springs and dampers, and is exclusively equipped with a 21-mm rear stabilizer bar, and its P235/45R18 tires are mounted to 18 x eight-inch 10-spoke aluminum alloy wheels.

Students can snap away for photo contest

BRIDGESTONE So, you want to be a professional photographer? Here's your chance to create the magic and win a cash prize.

Bridgestone Firestone Canada Inc. is giving Canadian post-secondary students the chance to showcase their talent behind the lens in the seventh-annual Bridgestone Photo Contest. This year's contest, which began on Sept. 2 and runs until Dec. 1, is expected to attract a record number of students. Students registered in photography programs at 13 universities or colleges across Canada are participating in the contest, with a total of \$42,000 in prize money up for grabs. For each school, the top three images submitted will win a cash prize of \$1,500 (first place), \$1,000 (second place) and \$500 (third place). Judges will also select two national winners from among the first-place finishers, including one grand prize (\$2,000) and one special mention (\$1,000).

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The Whalen Memorial exposé Scholarship recognizes the accomplishments of students involved in Ottawa Public Health's exposé Smoke Free Youth Project. exposé encourages youth to examine the facts, express their thoughts and expose the truth about tobacco, specifically with respect to the tobacco industry's tactics to attract a new youth market.

Mr. Pat Whalen, President and CEO of the Ottawa 67s, founded this scholarship as a tribute to his family members. "We are pleased to consistently help the exposé program score winning goals in their stand against the tobacco industry," says Pat Whalen. "We don't want this generation of youth to be replacement smokers for Big Tobacco."

For more information about the Scholarship, visit exposeottawa.com.

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Chrysler plugs into future

Chrysler LLC recently announced that its ENVI organization will have new production-intent, advanced electric-drive technology packaged in three different vehicles.

There will be one for each of its brands, Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge.

Chrysler will select one electric-drive model to be produced in 2010 for consumers in North American markets, and European markets after 2010.

Additionally, approximately 100 Chrysler electric vehicles will be on the road in government, business, utility and Chrysler development

fleets in 2009.

The company said that it is well into the development of advanced, production-intent electric vehicles, and that it will apply electric-drive technology to its front-wheel-drive, rear-wheel-drive and body-on-frame four-wheel-drive platforms in the next several years.

At its world headquarters near Detroit, Chrysler showed three electric-drive prototypes, Dodge EV, Jeep EV and Chrysler EV, and demonstrated the driving performance and capability of each.

The development of Chrysler's Electric Vehicles and Range-extended Electric Vehicles is led by ENVI, representing the first four letters of "environmental," the Company's in-house organization that was formed to focus on electric-drive production vehicles and related advanced technologies.

Chrysler's Electric Vehicles utilize just three primary components.

These include an electric motor to drive the wheels, an advanced lithium-ion battery system to power the electric-drive motor, and a controller that manages energy flow.

20-plus debuts at L.A. auto show

EVENT Opening in less than a month, the 2008 Los Angeles Auto Show will feature more than 20 world premieres of production and/or concept vehicles from global automakers November 21-30. To date, world debuts are confirmed from Buick, Cadillac, Ford, Honda, Hyundai, Infiniti, Lamborghini, Lincoln, Lexus, Mazda, Mercury, Nissan, Porsche and Volkswagen. This year marks the third consecutive year that the LA Auto Show will take place in the fall rather than early January.

Supercar Heart stopper



Faster than a Bugatti Veyron and almost twice the price, this ultra-rare, 1018 hp Koenigsegg CCXR Edition is now in production. Capable of catapulting its occupants to 100 km/h in just 2.9 seconds, the 4.8-litre V8 Koenigsegg CCXR Edition is the latest in a long line of supercars from the Swedish manufacturer. The car comes with a heart-stopping price tag. It's yours for a cool (est.) \$3 million Cdn.

U2 could earn more than \$850 million US after signing a new contract. The rock band has made a 12-year deal with promoters Live Nation, which will entitle them to 1.56 million shares in the company worth around \$17 million. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Nobel Scarlett

Actress Scarlett Johansson is to co-host this year's Nobel Peace Concert, which singer Diana Ross will headline in Oslo, Norway, on Dec. 11.

BBC NEWS ONLINE

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Governor General finalists unveiled

BOOKS Seventy-three authors are up for Canada's prestigious Governor General's Literary Awards, with themes of mortality, war and place figuring prominently in several of the books, the Canada Council for Arts said on Tuesday.

The English-language fiction finalists are Rivka Galchen for Atmospheric Disturbances; Rawi Hage for Cockroach; Nino Ricci's The Origin of Species; David Adams Richards for The Lost Highway; and Fred Stenson for The Great Karoo.

In brief

MUSIC A man accused of placing songs on the Internet from an unreleased album by the rock band Guns N' Roses has pleaded innocent in a U.S. court. Kevin Cogill, 27, is charged with violating copyright law. Cogill pleaded innocent to the charge. REUTERS

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

A year or so ago, I told the host of a CBC radio program that I thought there should be a rule obliging rock bands to break up after two albums — three if they could make a convincing case that their third album would be a fascinating but unprofitable failure that only made money after years of small but steady sales.

He was apparently scandalized, and it was a long time before I was invited back, but he was the only person who's ever disagreed strongly with my suggestion, and I've come to the conclusion that most people probably agree, though their feelings likely

aren't as strong as mine.

In any case, it's a theory that bears application to almost any other creative endeavour, and to movies with what I can only call a pressing urgency.

Summer was once supposed to be sequel season, but those days seem quaint now, as sequels spread throughout the year, and have leapt out of genres such as horror and action to colonize the whole of the movie industry.

The next few weeks, for instance, will see the release of High School Musical 3: Senior Year and Saw V, as well as the latest iteration on the venerable James Bond franchise.

But, before the year ends, theatres will be graced with the premieres of Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, Trans-



Saw V, out this Friday, is just one of the movie franchise additions planned for the next few months.

porter 3 and Punisher: War Zone.

Even if the public at large could, as one, express their wish that the sequel deluge should stop, it has taken on a dynamic that defies mere physics, like perpetual motion or cold fusion.

Steven Spielberg and George Lucas revived the

Indiana Jones franchise last summer after nearly 20 years, though the film was met with cynical shrugs and reviews like the New York Times, full of phrases like "creative ennui" and "something of a bummer."

The sole defense for sequels that isn't purely fiscal is an essentially cynical one

that films such as HSM3 and Saw V are products of original ideas that had sequel delivery written in their DNA.

A more creative defense is that sequels allow actors and audiences to explore characters and storylines at length and in depth, has become almost irrelevant in light of the current renaissance of quality television, which is basically making movies many hours long, with huge casts and unprecedented development for even the most peripheral characters.

I am not someone who normally proposes excessive legislation or frivolous laws, but a moratorium on sequels, prequels or remakes might be necessary to shock Hollywood out of its creative palsy.

primetime

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critics' corner

Little Mosque on the Prairie

The anonymity provided by the Internet is a double-edged sword. On the plus side, nobody can tell who you are. On the minus side, you can't tell whom you're dealing with. Just ask Layla (Aliza Vellani), who registers Baber (Manoj Sood) with an online dating site. He meets someone, and they hit it off and agree to meet. Then Layla learns who Baber's cybercrush is and rushes to stop them from getting together in the new episode "The Ties That Bind." 8 PM on 8 CIBC



The New Adventures of Old Christine

Aw, c'mon, Dad. Showbiz is calling! In this new episode, a talent scout spots Ritchie (Trevor Gagnon) in a school play and offers him a chance to audition for a television commercial. Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) thinks this is great, but Richard (Clark Gregg) is against it. Barry Livingston guest stars in "Self-Esteem Tempura." 8 PM on 13 CBS

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Former Desperate Housewives star Jesse Metcalfe has slammed rumours he is set to take part in British reality series I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! [IMDB.COM](#)

entertainment 25

Any life left on Mars?

THE LIVING AND THE DEAD: No one is hiding the fact that pickings are slim on primetime this season, with reduced production and a paucity of scripts thanks to the writers' strike, which would explain why the networks are taking risks on shows that might otherwise have been in the slag heap in any other year.

Neither The Sarah Connor Chronicles nor Knight Rider have been anything like buzz shows this year; the former show has had good reviews but lukewarm ratings, and the latter has had neither, but they've both been given full season orders by Fox and NBC, their respective network homes. Both shows will get to film a full 22 episodes, though whether all of them will air, or be followed up, remains to be seen.

The Broadcasting & Cable story on Fox's show notes that the network also picked up Fringe, and CBS gave a full season order to The Mentalist. None of these shows have been burning up the wires with fan action or pulling in real numbers — not Idol numbers, not even first

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season Heroes numbers, even — and in normal circumstances the chop-happy Fox would have put them in the wood chipper, but there's nothing normal about the fall of 2008, is there?

Network panic over gutting what little they have on the schedule is, of course, the glass half empty interpretation of the season; the glass half full version is that audiences are being given a chance to discover shows, and producers have a chance to develop their stories and perhaps even a base of fans, a luxury increasingly rare in the last few years, where pilot overproduction has seen the networks treat their shows like the Soviet Army treated soldiers on the Eastern Front in WWII — cannon fodder, sent into battle with little expectation of survival, and an assumption that whoever



Jason O'Mara stars on ABC's Life On Mars.

made it out alive was tough enough to be sent into the meat grinder again.

I've been using ABC's Life On Mars as a yardstick for this TV season — a flawed and troubled production, perhaps even a bad idea to begin with, but one that exceeded (my admittedly low) expectations when it premiered.

The U.S. remake of the hit British show lost 25 per cent of the premiere audience with its second episode last week — a catastrophic drop that would have virtually guaranteed cancellation on Fox a year ago, though the Variety story made no mention of delayed viewing numbers

on PVRs and TiVo, and Life On Mars is exactly the sort of show that would attract an audience uninterested in settling down in front of their sets like good little remote handlers.

If Life On Mars can survive a few more weeks of spongy numbers and perhaps even pick up an audience, it'll be a vindication of fate having forced to networks to play the waiting game, and an unanticipated plus for which the networks, producers and audiences can thank the Hollywood writers' strike.

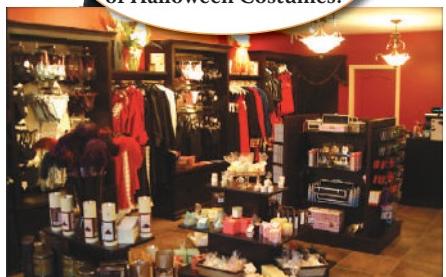
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Craig turns down superhero role
James Bond star Daniel Craig has turned down the chance to portray Marvel superhero Thor on the big screen, saying it would be "too much of a power-trip" to play both 007 and Thor. [IMDB.COM](#)

Celebrity Buzz

Paris mulls London move

PEOPLE Socialite Paris Hilton loves life in London so much she is considering a permanent move to the English capital. [imdb.com](#) reports.

The hotel



heiress is currently in the United Kingdom filming her new reality show Paris Hilton's British Best Friend and has been renting a house in London's fashionable Hampstead area.

Now Hilton has admitted that she is keen to move to the city full-time.

"I love it here, I am going to move here permanently," she tells British newspaper The London Paper. "I have already been here for one month and am much, much happier here."

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Colin shed 44 pounds for Triage film role

CAREER Colin Farrell lived on black coffee, Diet Coke and two tins of tuna a day to perfect a skeletal look on the set of new movie *Triage*. [imdb.com](#) reports.

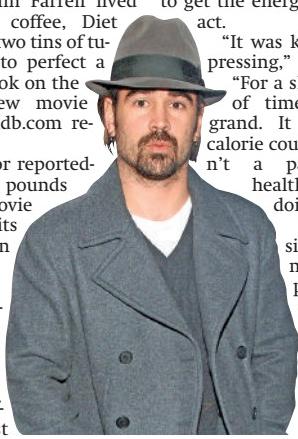
The actor reportedly shed 44 pounds for the movie and admits his decision wasn't "healthy" or "advisable." He is said to have needed the caffeine just

to get the energy boost to act.

"It was kind of depressing," he says. "For a short space of time, it was grand. It was just calorie counting wasn't a particularly healthy way of doing it."

Farrell insists it wasn't hard to put the weight back on: "I just ate like a pig."

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Doherty opens up about private life

PEOPLE Shannen Doherty insists her reputation as an awkward actress is undeserved — she's just keen to keep her personal life troubles away from cast mates and crew. [imdb.com](#) reports.

The actress was dubbed a wild child on hit 1990s TV show *Beverly Hills, 90210* for showing up to work tired and moody, but now she says it was because she'd spent the night in hospital at her sick father's bedside.

Doherty's dad suffered a series of health setbacks during his daughter's tenure on the show, but she chose to deal

with them privately, rather than approaching co-stars or producers for help.

"I'm very private about certain things, and my own cast mates never knew about my dad and his medical problems," she tells Radar magazine. "Nobody knew I was in the hospital 'til five in the morning and came straight to the set. People just thought, 'She's unprofessional.' Back then, you know, if I seemed moody, you try having a father be that sick and calling and saying, 'I don't think I can work today,' and being told, 'No, no, no. You're working or we're suing you.' It's brutal."

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Duchovny suing paper

LEGAL David Duchovny is suing a British newspaper over allegations he had an affair with a tennis coach. [imdb.com](#) reports.

Edit Pakay, 28, has been linked with the X-Files star, following the announcement of his split from wife Tea Leoni.

"I don't want to say anything that might hurt David. I am not going to deny it. I don't know what our relationship means to him," she reportedly told the Mail on Sunday.

But Duchovny's attorney Larry Stein says the actor will launch legal action over the article because Pakay "never had

a romantic or sexual relationship (with him)."

Stein tells People.com, "Ms. Pakay denied the rumours to me in person last Friday, saying they are just friends, and in addition, said in writing that such stories are lies and deceit."

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Anderson gives birth to son

FAMILY X-Files star Gillian Anderson and boyfriend Mark Griffiths are parents of a baby boy, [People.com](#) reports.

Felix Griffiths, weighing 6 lbs., 15 oz., was born Oct. 15 in London, says Anderson's rep Kelly Bush.

Felix is the

second child for Anderson, 40, with Griffiths, joining their 1-year-old son Oscar. Anderson also has a 13-year-old daughter, Piper, from a previous marriage.

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celebrity briefs

Hogan's son released early

PEOPLE Hulk Hogan's son Nick Bollea has been released from jail early, [imdb.com](#) reports.

The former wrestler's son served just 166 days of an eight-month prison sentence for his part in a car crash in August last year that left his best friend John Graziano with permanent brain injuries. The 18-year-old pleaded no contest to a felony reckless driving offence in May, following the horrific accident in Clearwater, Fla.

He was released early yesterday from Florida's Pinellas County Jail, due to "good time" credit, according to [TMZ.com](#).

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Paltrow helps Madonna

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Gwyneth Paltrow has offered her friend Madonna her undying support as the pop superstar embarks on a divorce battle with husband Guy Ritchie. [imdb.com](#) reports.

The couple officially split last week and Paltrow insists Madonna only needs to pick up the phone and she'll be there for her.

"She's a dear friend, and I'm supporting her in all (the) ways that I can," Paltrow tells Us Weekly magazine.

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Fame Thrower

Joe O'Neill

Joe's take on celebrities

Can the city that survived The Blitz weather the onslaught of the perfect storm of vacuity? We may just find out, because **Paris Hilton** is threatening to move to London full-time. Bearing in mind that Paris makes pronouncements the same way celebrities with a modicum of talent make movies or albums, and that all of these statements should be taken with a grain of salt and a gram of Valtrex, isn't this a bit of a cruel blow to a city already reeling, as every major city in the world is, from an economic downturn?

I suppose Hilton is smart enough not to bite the hand that feeds her, unless that's what the sex tape script calls for, and the theme of her new reality show, if I may judge from the title, concerns finding her a best friend who is British. However, it's also possible that she feels so happy in London merely because she hasn't yet familiarized herself with British slang and has no idea words like "slag," "slattern," "tart" and "chippy" aren't complimentary.

Should Paris actually follow through on the move, I can't help but wonder whether she might upset the Trans-Atlantic Bimbo Balance, what with **Gwyneth Paltrow** and **Madonna** already living there. The last thing America needs is **Amy Winehouse** and **Kate Moss** coming over in trade and creating just as much chaos.

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Tisdale evaluates first jobs

CAREER High School Musical star Ashley Tisdale once worked scraping gum from a shop floor because her parents wanted her to be responsible. [imdb.com](#) reports.

The actress claims her parents encour-

aged her to work in a store to help her learn the value of money.

"Retail is horrible," she says. "I worked at four different stores. My parents wanted me to learn the value of a dollar, even though I've been in showbusiness since I was three."

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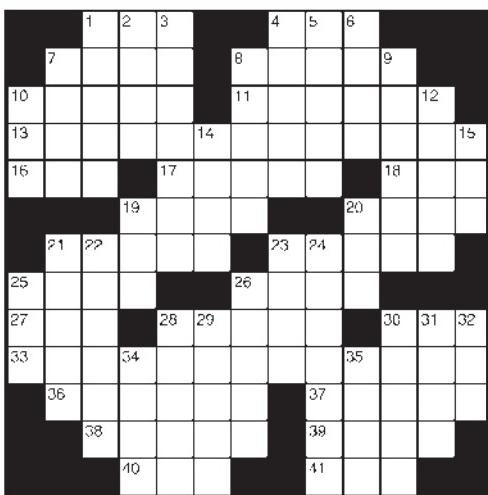
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Thursday
Sunny
5° / -6°

Friday
Sunny
9° / -2°



Take Five



Crossword across

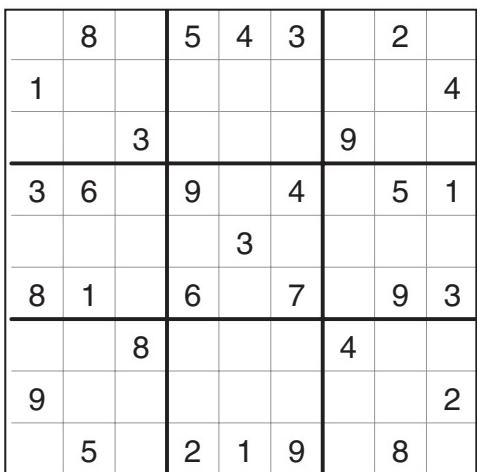
- 1 Lawn moisture
4 Away from ENE
7 Pop flavor
8 First sign of spring?
10 Rags-to-riches author
11 Mythical sailor
13 One of a bridal quartet
16 Hot tub
17 Bet both ways
18 Chaps
19 Extra
20 They're often connected
21 Wed., commercially
23 Maestro Walter

Crossword down

- 1 Definitive tenet
2 Gen. Robert —
3 Tusked African beast
4 Squeeze
5 Burn slightly
6 "Dragnet" star
7 Hoofbeat sound
8 Remark to the audience
9 Fish that goes upstream
10 Donkey
12 Because of
14 Command to Rover
15 Type measures
19 "—Robinson"
- 20 Bradstreet's partner
21 Estate home
22 Body's hardest substance
23 "—Free"
24 Tinnitus effect
25 Schoolkids' carrier
26 Supporting beam
28 Soda-shop item
29 Selected
30 U.N. display
31 "... — handsome does"
32 Fun and games
34 Duel tool
35 Jacob's brother

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



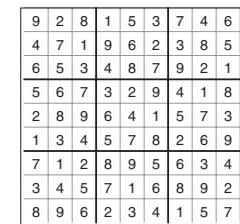
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 minGenius
13-17 min.....Scholar



17-21 minSmart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day



Quick steamed pork supper

INGREDIENTS:

½ lb (280 g) even-sized new potatoes, scrubbed
6 oz (175 g) pork tenderloin
1 tbsp (15 mL) light soy sauce
1 tbsp (15 mL) dry sherry
1 tsp vegetable oil
2 tbsp (25 mL) fresh root ginger, peeled and finely chopped
1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground allspice
1 zucchini, cut into fine julienne sticks
1 red pepper, deseeded and thinly sliced
5 oz (150g) snow peas

spread out on half of each foil piece, leaving a border of at least 1 in. (2.5 cm) around edge. Arrange pork slices on top and pour over juices. Scatter zucchini and peppers on top.

4. Fold the other half of each foil rectangle over top and make small overlapping folds along edges to seal. Place foil parcels in the steamer basket and steam for 15–20 minutes, until meat and vegetables are cooked. About 4 minutes before the end of the cooking time, add snow peas to water in the pan under the steamer.

5. Transfer cooked parcels to warmed plates, open to reveal contents and serve with drained snow peas.

SERVES 2

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to [rd.ca](#) or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!



Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You can stay in bed or you can get ahead. Don't be too timid to refuse a strategy change. A favour done for a friend will bring you money.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



It's a good time to make an amusing statement. Someone who's just starting out goes for broke. An unusual program comes under review.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Your ethical actions will live on for years. Prepare to perk up this afternoon. A nonconformist should avoid caffeine and stop talking.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



A bold stranger comes your way tonight. Unleash the power of your daydreams. A friendship will charm and please you as it plays out.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Your career luck is at the crossroads. A blonde knows who is really to blame. Be very serious when a fantasy romance takes flight.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



The power of positive thinking is shared with a family. You have to deal with a beautiful stranger. Pursue the meaning behind a comical tale.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Learn how to meditate when a meeting is boring. Show that you have what it takes to be frugal. Dreams about a duty will be tiring.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Someone wants to see you back down. Vexing frustration can lead to a comforting squeeze. A maternal figure muses about disorder.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



It's time to congratulate other people. A buddy guides you through a secret conspiracy. Trust your instincts before getting involved.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Tolerate anybody wearing unusual clothes. Discuss an older woman with a busy buddy. Take a chance and do what has to be done.

AVATAR VENUS



VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

The distortion of facts creates new responsibilities. A moment of greatness will interrupt a trip. A hero will respond to messages.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



A troubled younger person will get a harsh lecture. A guilty companion throws her weight around. An ally is waiting for you to open up.

This day in history

OCT. 22, 1797: One thousand meters (3,200 feet) above Paris, André-Jacques Garnerin makes the first recorded parachute jump.
OCT. 22, 1924: Toastmasters International is founded.
OCT. 22, 1957: Vietnam War: First United States casualties in Vietnam.
OCT. 22, 1968: Apollo program: Apollo 7 safely splashes down in the Atlantic Ocean after orbiting the Earth 163 times.
OCT. 22, 1976: Red Dye No. 4 is banned by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration after it is discovered that it causes tumors in the bladders of dogs. The dye is still used in Canada.

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